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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: McNamee Request for Study of Soviet Ground Force Strength

REFERENCE: My Memorandum for the Record, Subject: Conversation with Enthoven on Estimates of Soviet Ground Forces dated 1 February 1963

25X1A9A 1. On 14 February McNamee, Baxter Wood and John Easton (DIA) met with [REDACTED] (OHR) to discuss and request OHR assistance in preparing a paper. This paper is to be an input into a reply to a letter from McNamee to the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The letter (copy attached) requested an immediate study of Soviet Ground Forces estimates, similar to that contained in the letter which Enthoven was preparing for McNamee to send to the DCI (described in memorandum referenced above). The tone of the letter to the JCS, however, is much sharper and more critical than the one which had been drafted for transmittal to the DCI.

2. Wood and Easton have been assigned the "economic aspects" of the JCS project and were not too familiar with the details of the other portions. It was clear, however, on the basis of the time allotted for actual research (1½ months) and the tone of the JCS outline of their proposed reply, that the reply as now envisaged probably will not be a thorough analysis of the problem but rather a defense of the previous reports and estimates to which McNamee addressed his objections.

3. I discussed some of the pertinent aspects of my conversations with Enthoven (in referenced memorandum) and stated that we could not commit ourselves to take on the assistance they requested until it was clear what our commitments would be with respect to the Agency's response to McNamee's letter to the DCI. We agreed that it probably would be wasteful and not in the best interest of the intelligence community if two such studies were to be carried out, in part simultaneously. We also agreed to discuss the problem further at my principles.

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4. On the basis of the background discussions with Zenthoven and the need for a thorough re-study of the estimate on Soviet theatre forces, the following procedure is recommended:

a. After the McNamee letter to the DCI arrives, the DCI should discuss the matter with the Director of DIA.

b. They should attempt to obtain JCS and DOD approval to merge the two studies.

c. A joint (CIA-DIA) study group (under CIA control) should be assigned the task of preparing a study designed to answer the letter to the DCI. This group should also formulate its own terms of reference.

d. The report of this group should be reviewed by the Board of National Estimates before its transmittal to McNamee.

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